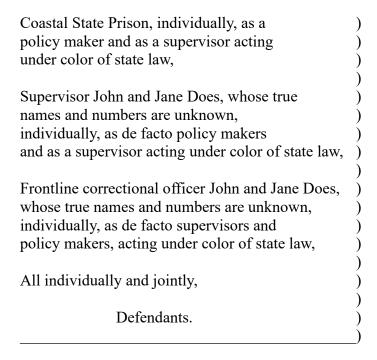
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA SAVANNAH DIVISION

Julia Hagans, mother of Plaintiffs' decedent, Rufus Lee, as a surviving parents and one of several next of kin,)))
Julia Hagans, in a representative capacity for the now deceased father, and next of kin, Solomon Lee, Sr, and his heirs and next of kin, the adult siblings of Rufus Lee, namely Solomon Lee, Jr., Henry Lee, Quaneisha Tribble and Janeisha Page,))))))
Julia Hagans, in a representative capacity as a putative personal representative of the estate of Rufus Lee,)))
Plaintiffs,)
V.) CIV. ACT. NO. 4:23CV352-RSB
Timothy Ward, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Corrections, individually, as a policy maker and as a supervisor acting under color of state law.) Notice of Appeal ,))
Brooks Benton, Warden, Coastal State Prison, individually, as a policy maker and as a supervisor acting under color of state law,))))
Michael Anderson, Deputy Warden, Security, Coastal State Prison, individually, as a policy maker and as a supervisor acting under color of state law,))))
Carl Betterson, Deputy Warden Care and Treatment Coastal State Prison, individually, as a policy maker and as a supervisor acting under color of state law,	
Phillip Glenn, Deputy Warden Administration,)))



NOTICE OF APPEAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Plaintiffs, Julia Hagans, as next of kin; Julia Hagans, as representative of other next of kin; and Julia Hagans, as a putative personal representative of the Estate of Rufus Lee, the Plaintiffs' decedent, hereby appeals in the above-referenced case, to the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit Orders, Docs. 16, 21, 22, 24 and 29, by the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia, including the Final Order entered July 2, 2025 [Doc. 29] and Judgment entered July 16, 2025. [Doc. 30]

This appeal applies to all of the Defendants named in the caption, to wit:

- 1. Timothy Ward, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Corrections, individually, as a policy maker and as a supervisor, acting under color of state law;
- 2. Brooks Benton, Warden, Coastal State Prison, individually, as a policy maker and as a supervisor acting under color of state law;
- 3. Michael Anderson, Deputy Warden, Security, Coastal State Prison, individually, as a policy maker and as a supervisor acting under color of state law;

- 4. Carl Betterson, Deputy Warden Care and Treatment Coastal State Prison, individually, as a policy maker and as a supervisor acting under color of state law;
- 5. Phillip Glenn, Deputy Warden Administration, Coastal State Prison, individually, as a policy maker and as a supervisor acting under color of state law;
- 6. Supervisor John and Jane Does, whose true names and numbers are unknown, individually, as de facto policy makers and as a supervisor acting under color of state law; and,
- 7. Frontline correctional officer John and Jane Does, whose true names and numbers are unknown, individually, as de facto supervisors and policy makers, acting under color of state law.

Respectfully submitted this 31st day of July, 2025.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date I electronically filed the foregoing pleading (Notice of Appeal) with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system which will automatically send email notification of such filing to any attorneys of record.

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